November 10, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have not been altogether idle on the chapel matter although I have not been able to get to see you, as I had hoped to do. I had to be in Boston Saturday and had quite a talk with Mr. Collens. He finally agreed to take off $600 from his figure for the architects' commission, bringing that to $3200. This would include four trips to Middlebury during the erection of the building. If we did not need him to come that many times, we would save $50 on each trip. On the other hand if we needed him more, he would charge $50 per trip, which would include his expenses. I do not believe we would want him more than four times during the construction.

Mr. Rogers was here this morning and we went over possible savings with Judge Weeks. I think we can find a way to make some reductions. Mr. Rogers is to give us a figure for dark marble in place of white from the ground to the top of the base course. I think this would look just as well and would save us some money.

He will also give us a figure for omitting some of the excavation which he thinks unnecessary.

We asked him also to find how much less it would cost if we used rough random ashlar instead of finished marble. I should rather hate to do this but there may be no other way to get the building down to where we want it.

Rogers also offers to do the job at the cost of materials and labor plus five percent, with a guarantee that the cost will not exceed the sum named, $54,806. I think it would be wise, when we

get around to make the contract, to do it in this way. We cannot lose anything and might save quite a little.

As soon as I hear about some of these things I will try to let you know and shall be glad to get the matter settled.

Faithfully yours,